

SENATORIAL ASPIRANTS.

Mantle Men Appear Confident Though They Are Not Boasting of Their Chances.

A Run for that Mantle May Yet be Frozen Out by a Combine.

What His Friends Have to Say About Couch's Record. It will be Settled To-night.

The lobby of the Metropolitan was filled last night with politicians, legislators and wire pullers. It was button-holing in this corner and hohobbling in that until the small hours of the morning. The interested self-seekers and their friends. Even the bar which is seldom neglected by politicians are around, did not thrive with their business last evening. Apparently everyone was looking after some one else, and Mantle appeared to be the general object of solicitude. His lieutenants were very busy driving the last nails in his fence. Mantle with a confident smile for everyone, moved about from group to group and discussed the situation from different standpoints. His manner indicated that he has the greatest confidence of defeating all other west side aspirants. There would be nothing surprising in his own defeat for it was rumored about last evening that a combine was being formed to lay him out at the election. It is not known who will be selected to lead the forces against him, nor are the plans fully developed for making a determined combine fight against him. It was under consideration last evening and it is said that the Couch men are at the bottom of it. White, who is regarded as Mantle's strongest opponent, is not showing any great strength. Speaker Wither of the ranch house, Jump Wing and Senator Brown are favoring his candidacy, but apparently no one is doing any effective work for him. Bonner's name is hardly more than mentioned. Couch is still in the ring, without much chance of winning. Mantle is continuing his lieutenant for the time work. Their activity was very noticeable last evening. There may be a sensation to-day should ex-Governor White come out strong as a candidate. Mantle's men may go to him at the latter's request as White is the only republican who has any influence over Mantle. As they used to skin mules together there is a bond of sympathy between them. If Mantle cannot beat Couch himself he may beat him with White or rather help White's friends to win the empty laurel.

The Couch following was quiet yesterday awaiting the return of the big chief and standing in readiness to carry out his orders. They are not confident of beating Mantle through they charge him with all the crimes on the calendar in alphabetical order. They regard him as a demon. Their ranks were not reinforced by last night's arrivals and the Mantle men claim that the entire Couch following is now on the ground. The Mantle men do not say much about Couch except that he is a man of violent prejudices and has been imposed upon by political vampires. They were very busy yesterday, but were not especially obtrusive. They claim they are being lied about over which they show some anger. They manage, however, to keep their tempers and are very good natured, considering the situation. When told about Couch's threats to smash the party if Mantle is elected, they attack Mr. Couch's political record and ask his best friends to point to it with pride. They claim that Couch was in England during the Carter election, and that the secretary of his company, who was on the Silver Bow committee, resigned his place on receiving instructions to help the democratic ticket, and that despite this fact Silver Bow county went republican by 1,000. On the other hand they say that when Couch was at home in the late election, Carter got less than fifty majority and the head of the ticket was beaten out of sight. The implication is that Couch is a hoodoo to the republicans. The Mantle men also assert that four years ago, which was the only time Mr. Couch ever appeared in Montana politics, he was on the ticket for the territorial council and resigned a week before election. John Macquire, who was substituted, was defeated by Judge DeWolfe, and thus the republicans lost the territorial council. The Mantle men point to the services of the party organ, in Battle and to Mantle's speeches, with Power and Carter as evidence of Mantle's loyalty and ability. They say Carter is Mantle's solid friend.

Hon. D. O. Fitch, of Des Moines, Iowa, passed through this city on Saturday on his way to Washington, where he will spend a few months. He is one of the best known and most influential democratic leaders in Iowa. During the Cleveland administration he was United States district attorney. Concerning the recent election in his state, Mr. Fitch says: "We believe that Iowa has come to the democracy to stay. You see the republican party in our state is in bad shape. The democratic ticket was elected because the people wanted a repeal of the prohibitory laws. The republicans have the legislature on a joint ballot, though the senate is a tie. Now, if the republican legislators do not assist in repealing the obnoxious laws, they will antagonize the mass of voters who elected Governor Hoies. If they do assist in this work, the republican legislators who have heretofore worked with the republicans will leave that party and act by themselves, so you see that the republicans will be losers in either event. Then, nominally, tariff reform is growing to an extent that is alarming to the republican leaders, and, of course, the democratic party is getting the benefit of that. We have steadily reduced republican majorities year by year until this year we secured a victory that sent a thrill to every democratic heart in the state. We have every confidence that Iowa has swung into the democratic column to stay. Regarding the contest in this state, Mr. Fitch said: "The Montana democracy is making a glorious fight against fraud and conspiracy. The contest has awakened the greatest interest in all parts of the country. Democratic sympathies and hopes are with you. Don't give up one inch of the ground you have taken, but stand still to your colors with an aggressive front and you will win this fight. I hope your leaders will not think of compromise or concession in any form even if there is the slightest chance of republican fraud defeating you. I feel assured that you will gain the full rewards of your October victory, but if conspiracy should have a short lived triumph the loss of two democratic United States senators is nothing in comparison to the strict and unflinching maintenance of the position already rightfully assumed by the Montana democracy. When a man who is in the right retreats from a position for the sake of a few temporary benefits, people are very apt to look upon the change as a partial confession that he has been in the wrong."

While no terms of the supreme court can be arranged until the legislative difficulty is settled, the constitution provides that this court shall meet on the first Monday in January. A term of the court will therefore begin on Monday, January 5.

A Fort Benton correspondent writes as follows: The Hon. J. M. Boardman, junior republican representative of Chouteau county, paid a flying visit to his northern home a few days since and delighted his republican friends with the information that the balloting for United States senators would commence on Wednesday. It was also intimated that immediately after accomplishing this object, steps would be taken to secure the presence of democratic members, so that the wheels of legislation could work without friction. The means to be adopted to obtain this end were not disclosed, but from certain incidents in Mr. Boardman's

career, it may be anticipated that the conspirators will attempt a seductive ruse. Some twelve years ago, when the junior Chouteau county member first came to Montana, a party of cowboys initiated him into the mysteries of a midnight "curlew hunt," in which Mr. Boardman officiated as chief hunter. The duties of that position consisted in being secreted in a lonely coulee, holding an open sack just behind a lighted torch, while shrill notes were blown on a bird call held between the teeth of the hunter. The balance of the party were supposed to devote their energies to driving curlews in the direction of the chief. Mr. Boardman faithfully performed his allotted duties for the space of about two hours, when his companions reappeared and suggested it was a bad night for curlews. The hunt was postponed until the next night, when Mr. Boardman was invested with the same dignified office as before. This distinction earned for him the name of "Curlew Jack," by which he is known to this day. It is rumored that a hunt, equally as futile, will be made for democratic game the latter part of the week, and from his past record there is every probability that the junior member for Chouteau county will be the unanimous choice for chief of the gang.

THE MINES OF MONTANA.

The Zael District in Deer Lodge County Looking Up.

Work on the Deer Lodge Mining and Smelting company's property in the Zael district is progressing nicely, says the Silver State, and a new body of ore has been discovered. Shipments will be kept up this winter, after which time the company proposes to establish works of its own. The district is said to be most promising. In the Silver Crown developments are still going on in the old shaft. The pay streak varies from six to ten inches and gives evidence of widening. The pay ore in the Mountain Lion is four feet wide and is spotted and stained with ruby silver. While excellent ore has been taken from this mine it has never before been found in so large a body. The Keystone company's mine is improving with development and never looked so well as at present.

Preparations are being made to commence active work on the property of the New State Mining company, near the Keystone, Sun Rise, the new mining camp at the head of Henderson gulch, is making an excellent showing. Among claims that may be termed mines are the Bellflower, Viola and Sun Rise. These claims are being worked by a company, with Mr. Fatten as superintendent, Frank Durfee, president, and Judge Durfee, secretary. The properties are very rich in native silver and are now being developed in a business manner. The Butcher Bros. made an excellent discovery which is known as the Iron ore. They are working it and are on a fine lead.

There have been two meetings of the trustees of the Champion mining company during the past two days. The business of the meeting was not learned, but we are informed some orders were made that will greatly benefit the affairs of the company.

The hoist of the Mildred is completed and work of exploring commenced. The mine is in fine condition, having a fine lead to work on.

The situation in the Gospel Mountain continues to improve, much to the satisfaction of the many stockholders.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The shaft on the Lulu, in the Willow Springs district, says the Border Age, is down nearly a hundred feet and the vein is showing up very finely. The owners have been offered \$500 for the ore on the dump, but think it worth a good deal more. A party representing some English capitalists is examining the property with a view to its purchase, and it is probable a sale will be consummated. R. S. Kelly, formerly of Elkhorn, is in charge of the mine. Water has come into the Lulu mine, in the Lowland district, to such an extent as to stop work for the present. The owners will immediately commence a 400-foot tunnel which will tap the vein at a depth of about 300 feet, thus draining it for that depth. In the meantime a pump may be put in above and work resumed in sinking and taking out ore, but this is not yet settled. A few men are still at work running drits and making other developments.

Louis Flanson was over from Wickes Sunday with some very fine specimens of ore from the Boy lode, on which he and Prof. Garing have been working. They are down about twenty-five feet and have a six-foot vein of fine galena and copper ore and have not found the second wall.

PERSONAL.

J. R. Cox, of Missoula, is at the Grand Central.

Wm. Wood, of Townsend, is paying the capital a visit.

Gen. Chas. S. Warren came over from Butte yesterday.

S. Gordon, of Miles City, came in on the N. P. yesterday.

Mrs. F. Purcell, of Livingston, is a guest of the Grand Central.

Miss Butler, of Bozeman, is a guest of the Cosmopolitan hotel.

W. F. Cramer and wife, of Laurel, are visiting in the city.

S. A. Miller arrived in town from Big Sandy Sunday evening.

Hon. F. S. Whiting, of Junction, is stopping at the Mercantile hotel.

Joe Conley, of Deer Lodge, came in from the west yesterday afternoon.

Granville Stuart, of Maiden, registered at the Cosmopolitan yesterday evening.

Chas. Pierson and E. J. Page, prominent mining men, are in from Wallace, Idaho.

J. S. Thompson and F. M. Wright, of Livingston, are guests of the Cosmopolitan.

J. P. Doyle, Jas. Davidson, and Hayes Cannon, of Butte, are at the Grand Central.

Capt. Evans and J. D. Jenks, of Butte, came over from the boss mining camp yesterday.

John F. Cowen and Jas. A. Talbot, of Butte, arrived in the city yesterday and are at the Grand Central.

Allen M. Easterly, one of the old-timers, came in from Radersburg yesterday, and is a guest of the Merchants.

Dr. Muschbrod came over from Warm Springs, Deer Lodge county, yesterday, and is a guest of the Cosmopolitan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sherman, of Livingston, arrived from the park county seat yesterday and are registered at the Grand Central.

Zed Daniels, an old-timer, and formerly a member of the fraternity of A. O. U. in the Yellowstone, came up from Livingston yesterday, and is a guest of the Grand Central.

The many friends of Prof. Edward Belli will regret to learn that he is laid up with an attack of mountain fever at St. Peter's hospital. In consequence of this the evening meeting of his singing class will be postponed.

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

In the ballot at the Sisters' fair for the most popular young lady, the ballot was 82½ for Miss N. Nade, instead of 84½, as stated. In yesterday's issue, Miss Nade received the greatest number of votes.

Taxpayers have been getting to the front pretty lively during the month of December, and Treasurer Burden reports receipts thus far at \$12,785, with \$40,000 yet to come in, and only two days in which to pay up. It will take lively work to issue receipts and take in the sum of \$40,000 in the space of time allotted, but Mr. Burden is fully equal to the task, having taken in \$25,000 on the last day of grace while city treasurer.

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All members of the battery are requested to meet at the usual place on Monday evening, Dec. 30, to make final arrangements for our grand New Year's ball.

MARRIED.

McDONALD DINNMORE—Mr. A. McDonald, a popular citizen of Great Falls, was united in marriage at 9 o'clock yesterday morning to Miss Mary Dinnmore, of the same place. The ceremony took place at the Catholic church.

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This town has just been laid off and Platted into Lots, which are now offered at exceedingly Moderate Prices.

It adjoins the grounds of the Boston and Montana Company, on which will be erected their immense plant for their Smelter, Refinery and Copper Manufactory.

These works will give constant employment to thousands of men, and constitute a permanent source of prosperity for the town of North Great Falls. The town is situated that it will derive great and increasing benefits from the numerous factories that will seek the great water power at this point on the Missouri river.

It is surrounded by a magnificent agricultural region. Coal and Iron are found in abundant quantities within a few miles. The completion of the Neihart branch, now under construction, will within a few months, connect this town with the rich mineral fields of the Neihart and neighboring districts, and the extension of the Manitoba railroad will speedily render the Cœur d'Alene region tributary to North Great Falls.

An immense dam across the Missouri opposite North Great Falls will be completed by September next, at an approximate cost of \$300,000, giving in its construction employment for a large number of men, and rendering available an immense water power.

The workshops of the Boston and Montana Company, to be built during the coming season, will give employment to a small army of men and be the cause of an expenditure approaching a million dollars. To complete the dam and the workshops by the time contemplated will necessitate covering the ground with workmen from the beginning of February next for the balance of the season of 1890.

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